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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please REPLACE the pending specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please REPLACE the originally filed Abstract with the enclosed Substitute Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter claimed therein and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

11. A system for interconnection of software components for at least one data processing application, comprising:

a storage unit to store components surrounded by a container, the components having at least one interface intended for interconnection of the components by an interconnection component, the interconnection component, and not the container, containing information required for interconnection of the components.